

## IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Cancelled).

2. (Previously Presented) A method for providing information on commodities to a user by using a computer, comprising:

acquiring a plurality of pieces of commodity-comparison information indicating results of comparison between individual commodities in a plurality of evaluation criteria, from at least one first terminal through a communication means;

storing in a storage device said commodity-comparison information acquired by said acquiring;

producing, from said commodity-comparison information stored in said storage device, a commodity-comparison map which visually indicates relative superiority and between said commodities in two specified evaluation criteria by plotting each of said commodities on a two-dimensional area with coordinate axes representing the evaluation criteria specified;

producing relative-evaluation information which indicates at least one relative evaluation of said commodities by using said commodity-comparison map; and

transmitting said relative-evaluation information to one of at least one second terminal through a communication means.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2,  
further comprising acquiring possessed-commodity information which a commodity possessed by said user; and

wherein said commodity-comparison map is produced in by plotting said user-possessed commodity, together with other commodities superior thereto in either or both of the two

evaluation criteria, as well as by expressly showing which coordinate axis direction represents greater superiority.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein as a result of said producing, the relative-evaluation information is arranged for display of information with at least one of the other commodities and superior feature thereof.

Claims 6-17 (Cancelled).